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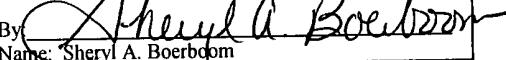
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LEE ET AL. Examiner: EINSMANN, J.C.  
Serial No.: 09/785,904 Group Art Unit: 1634  
Filed: FEBRUARY 16, 2001 Docket No.: 12777.8US01  
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING MYCOBACTERIUM BY PCR  
AMPLIFICATION OF REP13E12 REPEATED SEQUENCE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 18, 2002.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

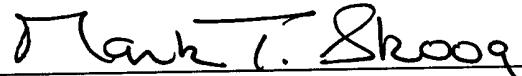
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 18, 2002, said period of response being extended from July 18, 2002 to October 18, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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